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Six Government career women will receive the third annual Federal Woman's Award, Mrs. Katie Louchheim, Chairman of the Federal Woman's Award Board of Trustees, announced today. The women who have been selected for this top honor represent high achievement in the fields of aviation, geology, law, medicine, personnel administration, and space science. They were chosen for their outstanding contributions to the quality and efficiency of the career service of the Federal Government, for their influence on major Government programs, and for personal qualities of leadership, judgment, integrity, and dedication.

The recipients of the Award are:

Dr. Eleanor L. Makel, Supervisory Medical Officer - Internal Medicine, St. Elizabeths Hospital, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Miss Bessie Margolin, Associate Solicitor, Department of Labor.

Mrs. Katharine Mather, Chief, Petrography Section, Special Investigations Branch, U. S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station (Jackson, Miss.), Department of the Army.

Miss Verna C. Mohagen, Director of Personnel, Soil Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture.

Mrs. Blanche W. Noyes, Air Marking Specialist, Centers and Towers Project Branch, Installation and Materiel Service, Federal Aviation Agency.

Miss Eleanor C. Pressly, Head, Vehicles Section, Spacecraft Integration and Sounding Rocket Division, Goddard Space Flight Center, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Specific citations and biographical facts on each Award winner follow.

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Dr. Eleanor L. Makel, for outstanding ability and leadership in developing and directing a hospital program of medical care and training which meets the most exacting standards of full accreditation. Dr. Makel is Assistant to the Director of the Medicine and Surgery Branch of St. Elizabeths Hospital, where she has served as a Medical Officer since 1953. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., she received her B.S. degree from Howard University and her M.D. degree from Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn. Prior to joining the staff of St. Elizabeths she served with Freedmen's Hospital in Washington and the District of Columbia Health Department. In her present position, Dr. Makel develops administrative and medical policies of the Medicine and Surgery Branch, which is the medical hospital within St. Elizabeths, the largest Federal mental hospital in the United States. She is responsible for maintaining the quality and quantity of medical service, and for the training of junior medical officers. She is also an Associate in Medicine at the George Washington University School of Medicine, and has a part-time private practice in internal medicine. She is the first woman physician accepted for residency in internal medicine at Freedmen's Hospital, and the first Negro at the professional level to be admitted to the medical staff of St. Elizabeths Hospital.

Miss Bessie Margolin, for exceptional competence as an appellate advocate and significant contributions to the administration and enforcement of Federal labor laws. Miss Margolin received the B.A. and LL.B. degrees from Tulane University, and her J.S.D. degree from the Yale University Law School. She is a member of the Bars of Louisiana, Tennessee, and the District of Columbia, the United States Supreme Court, and the several U. S. Courts of Appeals. She began her Government career in 1933 as an attorney with the Tennessee Valley Authority, and transferred to the Department of Labor in 1939 as Senior Litigation Attorney. Promoted to Assistant Solicitor in 1942, she has continued in that capacity except for 6 months in 1946 when, at the request of the War Department, she served as an attorney on the staff of the Chief Counsel for the war crimes trials in Nuremberg, Germany. Miss Margolin has a national reputation as an expert advocate in Government litigation before the Supreme Court of the United States, and is one of the very few Government attorneys outside the Department of Justice who are regularly assigned Supreme Court arguments. In 24 of the 26 Supreme Court cases argued by her, the decisions have been in favor of the Government. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, and the D. C. Bar Association, and an associate member of the Bar Association of her native city, New York.

Mrs. Katharine Mather, for her unique accomplishments in the application of petrographic knowledge and techniques to research on concrete and concrete materials and her success in communicating such knowledge both to scientists and to engineers. Mrs. Mather received the B.A. degree in geology from Bryn Mawr College and did graduate work at Johns Hopkins University. She began her career with the Corps of Engineers in 1942 as a junior geologist at the Central Concrete Laboratory, Mount Vernon, N. Y., and was promoted to engineer in 1944. The Laboratory was transferred to Jackson, Miss., in 1946 and became the Concrete Division of the Waterways Experiment Station. At that time she was again promoted to geologist, and has held her present position since 1958. She was the first scientist to appreciate the potentialities of X-ray diffraction for obtaining knowledge of the constitution and composition of concrete materials, and her laboratory was the first to apply X-ray diffraction to a broad study of concrete. Her work has greatly improved the quality and reduced the cost of concrete construction. She is a recognized authority in this field, and is regularly consulted by scientists and engineers in Government, universities, and private industry research. Distinguished scientists have frequently come to work with her for extended periods, including representatives of many foreign countries. She is a member of several professional organizations, and has received numerous honors and awards.

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Miss Verna C. Mohagen, for her demonstrated creativity, leadership, and progressiveness in directing personnel management in the Soil Conservation Service over a 16-year period. A native of Grafton, North Dakota, Miss Mohagen joined the Federal service as a clerk-stenographer in the Veterans Bureau at Fargo, N. Dak., in 1927. She transferred to the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C., in 1929, and joined the Soil Conservation Service as a junior administrative assistant in 1935. Successive promotions brought her to the position of Director of the Personnel Division in 1946. Attending college at night for eight years while working full time, she obtained her B.A. and M.A. degrees in economics from George Washington University. Miss Mohagen has developed and maintained a program of personnel management for the 16,500 employees in the Soil Conservation Service's 3,800 offices which is outstanding among Federal agencies, particularly in its uniform effectiveness throughout the entire field organization of the Service, and has won high praise from the U. S. Civil Service Commission. Her leadership and accomplishments in personnel management and employee development have brought substantial savings in time, money, and manpower, while contributing materially to soil and water conservation's progress in the Nation.

Mrs. Blanche W. Noyes, for her successful formulation and direction of air marking programs relative to the establishment, maintenance, and improvement of visual aids to air navigation. Mrs. Noyes, an outstanding woman in aviation before entering Government service, was co-winner of the 1936 Bendix air race, competing against men, and is a holder of the women's east-to-west speed record. A graduate of West High School in Cleveland, Ohio, where she was born, she has taken courses in engineering, psychology, public speaking, aircraft mechanisms, meteorology, and air navigation. From the time she began her Government service with the Bureau of Air Commerce in 1936, she has been directly and personally responsible for the Government's program for Air Marking. She has written and revised the technical handbook used by those who design and build air markers, and she designed the U. S. Standard Heliport Marker and the standard ground signals used by pilots awaiting rescue. The far-reaching effects of her liaison and public speaking activities is shown in her successful promotion of the construction and maintenance of air markers at non-Federal expense. Mrs. Noyes flies solo thousands of miles each year, making frequent and extensive Visual Flight Rule cross-country flights both in sparsely settled areas and those of great traffic density. She has cooperated with many foreign countries in assisting them to set up their air marking programs. The recipient of many honors and trophies, she holds a unique position in the Federal service and in the field of aviation.

Miss Eleanor C. Pressly, for her pioneer work in the development of sounding rockets, and her demonstrated organizational ability in scheduling and coordinating launchings of sounding rocket vehicles in support of upper atmospheric research. Born in Charlotte, North Carolina, Miss Pressly received her B.A. from Erskin College, Due West, S. C., and earned her M.A. in mathematics at Duke University. She began her Federal career in 1945 as a physicist with the Naval Research Laboratory, was soon reassigned to mathematician, and after several promotions became an Aeronautical Research Engineer (Aerodynamic Theory) in 1956. In 1958 she transferred to NASA in the same type of position, and was promoted in 1962 to her present position at Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md. Miss Pressly developed the Aerobee Jr. Sounding Rocket, co-developed the Aerobee-Hi 150, and directed improvement of the Aerobee-Hi 150A, which were extensively used during the International Geophysical Year. As Head of the Vehicles Section she manages the Goddard Space Flight Center operations for sounding rockets. She initiates the procurement of the ten different types of sounding rocket vehicles in current use, manages a budget of about \$3 million, and coordinates the sounding rocket program, under which there were 70 launchings in 1962 in many different parts of the world. She serves as consultant to scientists on the type of sounding rocket vehicle to be used to support experiments, and works closely with scientists from other Federal agencies, universities, and private industry, as well as an increasing number of scientists from foreign countries.

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The Federal Woman's Award was established in 1960 and the first awards were given in February 1961. It is the only award program created exclusively for the purpose of honoring career women in the Federal Government.

In announcing the winners for 1963 Mrs. Louchheim, who is Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, said: "The careers of these distinguished women represent the highest quality of public service. Their success illustrates the broad scope of opportunity that the Government service offers, and the ability of women to make the most of their opportunities. We hope their example will serve as an inspiration for many talented young women to choose careers in the Federal civil service."

Mrs. Louchheim added that career prospects for women in the Federal Government had been greatly increased during the past year by the equalization of employment opportunity for women and men in the civil service.

The judges who made the final selections for the 1963 Award from among the career women nominated by Federal agency heads were: David Brinkley, news commentator, National Broadcasting Company, who was chairman of the panel; Miss Betty Furness, actress and television personality; Dr. Katharine E. McBride, President of Bryn Mawr College; and H. Ladd Plumley, Chairman of the Board, State Mutual Life Assurance Co. of America, and President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

The winners receive the Award at a banquet in their honor on May 2 at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Washington, D. C., which will be attended by the heads of their agencies, the judges, the members of the Board of Trustees, and the public.

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DR. THELMA B. DUNN, authority on the pathogenesis of cancer in the laboratory mouse, is cited for her "distinguished career in experimental cancer research and particularly her highly significant studies of the origins of cancer in animals." Now Assistant Chief of the Laboratory of Pathology, she joined the National Cancer Institute in 1942 after several years as a pathologist on the medical faculties of the University of Virginia, her alma mater, and George Washington University. In 1959 she was chosen "Medical Woman of the Year" by the American Medical Women's Association.



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NANCY GRACE ROMAN, native of Nashville
Tenn. whose achievements...

Women Winners Are Announced

By Marie Smith

SIX GOVERNMENT career women—five working in Washington—have been chosen to receive the second annual Federal Woman's Award this year for "outstanding contributions" to Government in the fields of astronomy, chemistry, foreign service, law pathology and personnel administration.

Katie Louchheim, chairman of the Federal Woman's Award board of trustees, announced the winners yesterday and said their record shows "what women can do if given the opportunity."

The six, whose combined Government service totals 118 years, were selected from among 65 career women nominated for the award. Citations and plaques will be presented to them at a banquet in their honor on Feb. 27 at the Statler-Hilton Hotel.

THE RECIPIENTS are:

Katherine W. Bracken, director of the Office of Central American and Panamanian Affairs, Bureau of Inter-American Affairs, Department of State. She is the only woman to head a geographic bureau at the State Department.

Margaret H. Brass, chief, General Litigation Section, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; only woman in charge of a section in that division.

Dr. Thelma B. Dunn, head of Cancer Induction and Pathogenesis Section, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Evelyn Harrison, deputy director, Bureau of Programs and Standards, U. S. Civil Service Commission.

Dr. Allene R. Jeanes, chemist, Chemical Reactions and Structure In-

is the wife of a practicing physician, Dr. W. Leroy Dunn. They have two sons, one of whom is a doctor, and a daughter.

MOST IN THE NEWS at the moment is Nancy Grace Roman who has directed the development of scientific experiments to be flown in satellites, including the Orbiting Solar Observatory to be launched in a few months, and the Orbiting Astronomical Observatory planned for 1963. She is one of about a dozen women astronomers in Government.

In announcing the winners, Mrs. Louchheim, who is Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, said, "The careers of these distinguished women represent the highest quality of public service. In according them the recognition they so richly deserve, we are also recognizing the opportunities the Government service offers for achieving success in many different fields of work, and the ability of women to make the most of these opportunities."

THE WINNERS were selected by a panel of five judges who worked independently in choosing them from the 65 nominees.

The judges, who are expected to attend the award banquet, were LeRoy Collins, president of the National Association of Broadcasters, chairman; Dr. Mary Bunting, president of Radcliffe College; John Fischer, editor of Harper's Magazine; Carlisle Humelsine, president of Colonial Williamsburg; and Alicia Patterson, editor-publisher of Newsday.



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Department of State



MARGARET H. BRASS
Department of Justice



DR. THELMA B. DUNN
Department of Health,
Education and Welfare



MISS EVELYN HARRISON
Civil Service Commission



DR. ALLENE RJEAN
Department of Agriculture

Six Careerists Are Named In Federal Woman's Award

By DAISY CLELAND
Star Staff Writer

Six women in Government were named winners of the 2d annual Federal Woman's Award this morning.

Winners of the Government-wide program to spotlight top-caliber career women in the Federal Service were announced by Mrs. Katie Louchheim, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State and chairman of the board of trustees of the Federal Woman's Award.

The women selected represent high achievement in the fields of astronomy, chemistry, foreign service, law, pathology and personnel administration. Their salaries range from \$13,000 to \$17,000 a year.

The recipients are:

The Winners

Mrs. Katherine W. Bracken, director, Office of Central American and Panamanian Affairs, Bureau of Inter-American Affairs, State Department.

Miss Margaret H. Brass, chief, General Litigation Section, Antitrust Division, Justice Department.

Dr. Thelma B. Dunn, head of Cancer Induction and

Health, Education and Welfare Department.

Miss Evelyn Harrison, deputy director, Bureau of Programs and Standards, United States Civil Service Commission.

Dr. Allene Jeanes, chemist, Chemical Reactions and Structure Investigations, Cereal Properties Laboratory, Northern Utilization Research and Development Division, Agricultural Research Service, Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Nancy Grace Roman, chief of Astronomy and Solar Physics, Geophysics and Astronomy Programs Office of Space Sciences, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

All the recipients are in Washington with the exception of Dr. Jeanes, who is in Peoria, Ill.

The group will receive the awards at a banquet in their honor, February 27, at the Statler Hilton Hotel. Attending will be heads of their agencies, the five judges who selected them from among 65 career women nominated by Federal agency heads, and

leadership roles are not usually held by women. She is also the third ranking woman in the Foreign Service.

Miss Brass is cited for "her deep dedication to the philosophy of free enterprise embodied in the antitrust laws, and her singular contributions to the development of legal principles to carry out those laws."

Another First

This is another first for women in that Miss Brass is the only woman in charge of a section in the Anti-trust Division. She has also actively participated in the trials of most of the nationally known Federal anti-trust cases in the past 20 years, many times as a chief trial attorney.

Dr. Dunn receives her award for a "distinguished career in experimental cancer research and particularly her highly significant studies of the origins of cancer in animals."

She is known as a world authority on the pathology of

the laboratory mouse, the animal most commonly used as a tool for the study of human cancer. Dr. Dunn is married to a physician and has three grown children, one of whom is also a doctor.

In citing Miss Harrison, the judges pointed out "her outstanding competence demonstrated by her role in the formulation and development of Government-wide personnel policies."

She has played a leadership role in the formulation of progressive personnel legislation and in the complete overhaul, within its statutory framework, of the personnel system under which the Federal work force of over two million persons is employed.

Dr. Jeanes wins her accolade for "her pioneering chemical research on the starches and sugars obtained from cereal grains."

She has made many contributions to the fundamental carbohydrate chemistry through research on dextrans, including the practical development of dextran as a replacement for blood plasma to fill the needs of the Armed Services and civil defense.

The Youngest

Dr. Roman, the youngest (just 36), is honored for "her high ability and strong leadership in developing a pro-



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Six G-Girls Are Singled Out for New Award



MISS KINSELLA



DR. YALOW



DR. SITTERLY



DR. AITCHISON



MISS BACON



MRS. WICKENS

By HELEN A. COLSON
The News Women's Editor

A PRISON warden, two physicists, a foreign service officer and two economists have been singled out from 500,000 women in Federal Government to receive the first annual Federal Woman's Award.

Civil Service Commissioner Barbara Bates Gunderson, chairman of the board of trustees of the Federal Woman's Award, announced the winners to-day.



They are Dr. Beatrice Aitchison, Director of Transportation Research of the Post Office Department; Miss Ruth Elizabeth Bacon, Charge d'Affairs of the American Embassy in New Zealand; Miss Nina Kinsella, War-

den of the Federal Reformatory for Women in West Virginia; Dr. Charlotte Moore Sitterly, physicist at the National Bureau of Standards; Mrs. Arnyess Joy Wickens, Economic Advisor to the Secretary of Labor; and Dr. Rosalyn S. Yalow, physicist at the Bronx Veterans Hospital, New York.

A Wide Scope

TOGETHER the six have served the Federal Government for 126 years. The wide scope of their jobs illustrates well the achievements of women thruout the public service.

Miss Kinsella works to rehabilitate 600 prison inmates.

Miss Bacon represents the United States to the people of New Zealand.

Dr. Aitchison co-ordinates communications between 36,000 post offices.

Dr. Sitterly studies the chemical elements of the sun.

Dr. Yalow applies isotope studies to medical problems.

And Mrs. Wickens develops statistical indexes of the economy.

A High Quality

IN announcing their selection Commissioner Gunderson cited their "outstanding contributions to the quality and efficiency of the career service of the Federal Government, their influence on major Government programs, and their personal qualities of dedication, integrity, judgment and leadership."

In interviews with five of the six we discovered that they also manage a great deal more.

Dr. Yalow, at 39 the youngest winner, runs a house in New York, takes care of a husband and two young children and participates in P-TA and other community affairs.

"A woman has two possible roles," Dr. Yalow told us. "If you're lucky, you're able to combine them. I'm lucky."

A Cattle Ranch, Too

MRS. WICKENS supervises a home in Virginia and a cattle ranch in South Dakota. She also looks after a husband and two college-age sons.

"All I can do on the ranch is cook and see that the closets are clean," she said.

But on the job she has helped to develop the Consumer Price Index, the Index of Industrial Production and the Rent and Price Index for the OPA.

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have spent my life working," Mrs. Wickens said. "And I have never been sorry."

A Problem for Friends

DR. SITTERLY has never been sorry either, altho she does have difficulty explaining her work in atomic spectroscopy and astrophysics to some of her friends.

They are more likely to understand her other specialties: music and gardening.

"My job does sound dead, but it's really quite alive," the doctor said.

And fortunately, her husband, who is chairman of the Department of Physics at American University, understands her dinner table conversation.

Dr. Aitchison has been sorry that she works—but just at Christmastime.

"That darn Christmas parcel post," she said. "It gets us down. It's really a wonder more mail isn't lost."

But the doctor wouldn't dream of deserting the ship. Public service runs in her family. Her father was an Interstate Commerce Commissioner for a record term of 35 years.

After a day of looking at figures you need a change of pace, she admits.

Her solution: lessons in mambo and samba at Fred Astaire's dancing classes and choral work with the choir of the Epiphany Church.

An Awards Banquet

MISS KINSELLA does some work with figures, too, but she tries to avoid them.

"People, individual people in prison, are my commodity," she explained. "And love it. My goodness, you couldn't be in post like this and get anywhere if you didn't enjoy it."

Miss Kinsella has been on 24-hour duty at the prison for 21 years.

"But how things have changed," she said proudly. "It's the difference between punishment and treatment."

Miss Bacon deals with people, too—the people of the Far East. In 22 years of service she has become the second-highest ranking woman in the Foreign Service.

She will fly from Wellington, New Zealand, to Washington on Feb. 24 for an awards banquet at the Statler Hotel.

At that time the winners will meet the panel of five judges who selected them from a final list of 74 career women.

And they will be congratulated personally by their top bosses, the Postmaster General, the Secretaries of State, Justice, Commerce and Labor, and the head of the Veterans Administration.

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Six Government career women in fields as diverse as diplomacy, astrophysics and penology have been selected as recipients of the new Federal Woman's Award.

With one exception, all have served in Washington and three hold positions here now.

Chosen for their "outstanding contributions to the quality of efficiency of the career service of the Federal Government, for their influence on major Government programs, and for personal qualities of dedication, integrity, judgment and leadership," they were announced, in alphabetical order, as follows:

Dr. Beatrice Aitchison, director of transportation research, Bureau of Transportation, Post Office Department.

Miss Ruth Elizabeth Bacon, Charge d'Affaires, American Embassy in Wellington, New Zealand, Department of State.

Miss Nina Kinsella, warden, Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, W. Va., Department of Justice.

Dr. Charlotte Moore Sitterly, physicist, National Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce.

Mrs. Arynness Joy Wickens, economic advisor to the Secretary, Department of Labor.

Dr. Rosalyn S. Yalow, principal scientist, Radiolotope Service, Bronx Veterans Administration Hospital, New York.

Banquet Planned

The award—first of its kind established exclusively to honor career women chosen from the entire Federal Government—will be presented at a banquet Friday, February 24, at the Statler Hilton Hotel. Civil Service Commissioner Barbara Bates Gunderson is chairman of the Board of Trustees for the award which initiated a search for candidates last October.

As Charge d'Affaires at our Embassy in New Zealand, Miss Bacon is one of only two American women to head diplomatic missions abroad.

She is out-ranked, distaff-wise in the Foreign Service only by Miss Frances Willis, United States Ambassador to Norway.

Starting her career with the State Department in 1939, she held many responsible posts in the departmental service over a 17-year period before entering the Foreign Service in 1958.

Deputy Chief of Mission several months ago, she recently was made Charge d'Affaires after Ambassador Francis Russell departed for a new post as envoy to Ghana.

Earlier Miss Bacon became recognized as an authority

on Far Eastern affairs and as a specialist on the United Nations, as well as other international organizations. In 1946 she became adviser for the Department's Far Eastern Bureau on United Nations matters.

She is an alumna of Radcliffe College where she received her B.A. and Ph.D. degrees in government, with major in international law.

She is being cited specifically for "outstanding contributions to the formulation and maintenance of United States foreign policy in the field of Far Eastern Affairs."

Miss Bacon will be represented at the dinner here by her sister, Miss Dorothy Bacon, a professor of economics at Smith College.

Warden Named

Miss Kinsella, warden of the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson since 1949, heads the only institution operated by the Federal Government for the confinement of women convicted of criminal offenses.

She is being honored for "her leadership and influence in raising standards of correctional treatment and her accomplishments in equipping persons to lead useful and productive lives."

A Washington resident for almost 20 years, Miss Kinsella came here from her native Massachusetts in 1930 to serve as executive assistant to the first Director of the Bureau of Prisons. Prior to that time she had worked with the Department of Corrections in Massachusetts as

head of administrative affairs.

She entered the correctional field by chance. After taking a Civil Service examination, she was offered the choice of three jobs and accepted one dealing with penal institutions.

Miss Kinsella attended Boston University and is a graduate of St. Mary's Educational Institute, Salem, Mass.

In her present post she meets many representatives of foreign countries who ask to visit Alderson for first-hand observation of its organization and correctional programs.

Dr. Sitterly, who is being cited for "outstanding scientific achievement in the fields of atomic spectroscopy and astrophysics" joined the Staff of the National Bureau of Standards in 1945.

Her work in its spectroscopy laboratory has included analysis of atomic spectra, compilation of data on atomic energy levels, interpretations of the solar spectrum and the discovery of the element technetium in the sun.

Dr. Sitterly is a graduate of Swarthmore College and received her Ph.D. degree from the University of California. She did research work at the Princeton University Observatory for several years before coming here.

She is an associate of the Royal Astronomical Society of Great Britain—first woman to receive this distinction which is awarded by the society to distinguished

foreign astronomers and astrophysicists.

She holds membership in several other professional organizations including the American Astronomical Society.

Lives Here

Dr. Aitchison is being cited for "outstanding leadership in research and training in the field of modern transportation economics and traffic management."

A former university teacher, she began her Government career in the Interstate Commerce Commission; was director of the Transport Economics Division, Office of Transportation, Commerce Department, from 1951 to 1953, and was appointed director of transportation research in the Post Office Department in 1953.

She has lectured regularly at the annual Air Institute and the Institute of Industrial Transportation and Traffic Management at American University. She also has served as a lecturer at the Advanced Traffic Management Courses at the U. S. Army Transportation School at Fort Eustis, Va.

Mrs. Wickens, who has kept her finger on the Nation's economic pulse through a variety of statistical jobs in Federal service since 1928, was made economic adviser to the Secretary of Labor in 1958.

Her reputation for "expressing complicated economic ideas in simple language that everyone understands" has been a factor in her success but only tells a part of her story.

Her award is being given for "outstanding technical and administrative skill in initiating, organizing and directing wholly new and enormous statistical programs."

She contends that you don't have to be much of a mathematician in the statistical field. "Statistics are nothing to be afraid of as long as you know what question you want to answer, and if you know arithmetic," she has said.

Mrs. Wickens, who started her Government career with the Federal Reserve Board, joined the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics in 1938.

From assistant to the Commissioner, she was promoted two years later to Chief of the Division of Prices and Cost of Living. During World War II, she became well known as the person in charge of the price and cost of living surveys of the BLS.

Between 1945 and 1958 she was successively Assistant Commissioner for Program Operations, Deputy Commissioner of Labor Statistics and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Manpower.

Youngest Winner

Dr. Yalow, radiological physicist, was selected for "outstanding professional achievements in the field of medical research employing radiolotopes."

A native New Yorker, she has worked at the Bronx Veterans Administration Hospital since 1947 where she is now associate chief of the radiolotope service.

During the past year she has been associated with Dr. Abraham A. Berson in a study of insulin which has opened new areas of research on diabetes.

They also pioneered the application of techniques to the study of thyroid function and blood volume in man, and have made contributions on the metabolism of serum proteins and the effects of irradiation on proteins and amino acids.

A Hunter College graduate, Dr. Yalow received her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in physics from the University of Illinois. She and her husband, Dr. A. Aaron Yalow, a radio physicist, have two children.

At 39, she is the youngest of the six award recipients.

The six winners were selected by five judges from a list of 74 nominees submitted by Federal agency heads, members of the Board of Trustees for the Award, and the public.

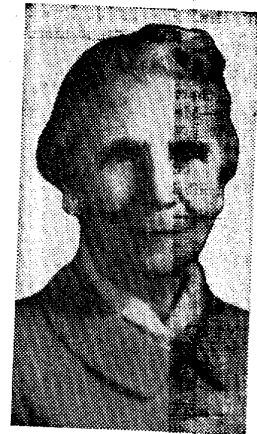
The panel of judges consisted of Edwin D. Canham, editor of the Christian Science Monitor, chairman; Miss Frances Perkins, former Secretary of Labor and one-time Civil Service Commissioner; George Romney, president of American Motors Corp.; Bruce Gould, editor-publisher of the Ladies Home Journal, and David Brinkley, National Broadcasting Co. news commentator.



DR. BEATRICE AITCHISON
... transportation specialist



MISS RUTH E. BACON
... diplomat



MISS NINA KINSELLA
... warden



DR. C. MOORE SITTERLY
... astrophysicist



MRS. A. JOY WICKENS
... economist



DR. ROSALYN S. YALOW
... radiological physicist

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The second annual Government-wide program to spotlight top-caliber career women in the Federal service was announced today by Mrs. Katie Louchheim, Consultant on Women's Activities, Department of State.

Under the program administered by the Federal Woman's Award Board of Trustees, of which Mrs. Louchheim is chairman, six outstanding career women will be honored at a public ceremony in Washington next February. Federal agencies are being notified to submit nominations for the award to the Board of Trustees by December 1.

The Federal Woman's Award has three major purposes, Mrs. Louchheim explained. They are (1) to give well-deserved public recognition to the Award winners and new incentive to others, (2) to high-light the important work that women are doing in executive, professional, scientific, and technical positions, and (3) to encourage competition for Federal employment by talented and ambitious young women who might not otherwise know of the fine career opportunities offered by the Federal civil service throughout the United States and abroad.

"The achievements of women in Government are well known in Government circles," Mrs. Louchheim said. "They have made possible many of the advances in modern America's national defense, social welfare, and economic progress. But the achievements of women have not had the public recognition they deserve."

Mrs. Louchheim pointed out that men outnumber women in Federal positions by three to one, and that in high-level jobs the proportion of men is considerably greater. "It naturally follows," she said, "that men receive most of the other awards that have been established for recognition of outstanding Government service, even though an impressive number of women rank as leaders in their chosen career fields. It is for this reason that the Federal Woman's Award is so important."

Each Government department and agency is being invited to nominate not more than three women for the award. To be eligible for nomination, a woman must have had not less than three years of continuous, full-time service in a position in the Federal competitive or excepted service, and must have reached grade GS-9, its equivalent, or higher. She must also have demonstrated outstanding ability and achievement in an executive, professional, scientific, or technical position.

The Award program was established in October 1960 under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Bates Gunderson, who was then a Civil Service Commissioner. Department and agency heads responded eagerly to the opportunity to honor their outstanding women employees, Mrs. Louchheim said, adding: "We hope and expect that the second year program will be even more successful than the first."

In addition to Mrs. Louchheim as chairman, the Board of Trustees is composed of Civil Service Commissioner Robert E. Hampton, who is vice chairman, and the following members: Miss Bertha S. Adkins, Head of Foxcroft School; Raymond T. Bowman, Assistant Director for Statistical Standards, Bureau of the Budget; Alfred Friendly, Managing Editor, The Washington Post; Representative Kathryn E. Granahan; Mrs. Barbara Bates Gunderson, former Civil Service Commissioner; Robert W. Hartley, Vice President, The Brookings Institution; Senator Maurine B. Neuberger; Miss Miriam Ottenberg, Pulitzer Prize reporter, the Evening Star; Ralph S. Roberts, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management, Department of State; and Rocco C. Siciliano, attorney and former Presidential adviser on personnel management.

Each of the Award winners will receive a framed citation and a gold medal, presented by Woodward and Lothrop, Inc., of Washington, D. C.

The six women who received the first Award, in February 1961, represented high achievement in the fields of astrophysics, economics, foreign policy, medical research, penology, and transportation. They were:

Dr. Beatrice Aitchison, Director of Transportation Research, Post Office Department. She originated, organized, and directs research and training programs in transportation economics and traffic management which have modernized the movement of mail and saved millions of dollars.

Miss Ruth Elizabeth Bacon, Charge' d' Affaires, American Embassy, Wellington, New Zealand, Department of State. An authority in Far Eastern Affairs, she has made invaluable contributions to the formulation and the successful maintenance of United States foreign policy.

Miss Nina Kinsella, Warden, Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, W. Va., Department of Justice. As director of the only Federal penal institution for women, she has set high standards of correctional treatment and rehabilitation, preparing the women to lead law-abiding and useful lives. (Miss Kinsella retired on June 30, 1961, after 30 years in the Federal Prison Service.)

Dr. Charlotte Moore Sitterly, Physicist, National Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce. In the fields of atomic spectroscopy and astrophysics her reputation is world-wide and her achievements are the basis of our knowledge of the solar radiations in the ultra-violet regions.

Mrs. Arynness Joy Wickens, Economic Advisor to the Secretary, Department of Labor. She has been outstanding in developing and applying advanced techniques of gathering and analyzing economic and social statistics to provide impartial and reliable data needed by Government and the public.

Dr. Rosalyn S. Yalow, Principal Scientist of the Radioisotope Service, Bronx Veterans Administration Hospital, New York. She has developed an international reputation for outstanding scientific ability and leadership in research and training in the medical uses of radioisotopes.

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